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MPS stamp show promises to be a big event

Mark the date on your calendars -- Saturday, October 7 -- and plan on attending the Maine Philatelic Society Stamp Show at the Gentle Memorial Building on Main Street in Houlton. New Board member Max L. Lynds is coordinating this event, which promises to be a big event.

Details are still sketchy, but the show will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a dealer bourse with stamps, covers, postcards and supplies. Admission will be free and parking will be available. An auction will be held featuring items from stamp dealers and collectors throughout Maine.

A display of Aroostook County postal history will be available, and negotiations are currently under way for a cultural

exchange with Canada. Likely an exhibit of New Brunswick postal history will be on display.

Also, to make traveling to Houlton even more worthwhile (as if you needed an excuse!), the Aroostook Historical and Art Museum will be open. It is within easy walking distance and the museum has some early southern Aroostook post office items on display.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the show, or how you can help (hey, there's a novel idea!) should contact Max Lynds, P.O. Box 761, Houlton, ME 04730 (his e-mail is max@ainop.com).

Maine non-duck fish and game stamps are interesting field

By Terence Hines

Maine issued its first pictorial duck stamp in 1984 and collectors are well aware of these attractive issues. Much less well known to collectors are the pheasant, salmon and muzzleloader stamps which, in the first two classes, were issued years before the first duck stamp.



Figure 1

Starting in 1973 Maine issued an annual pheasant hunting stamp. An example showing the basic design which has been used for the entire series to date is shown in Figure 1. The 1973 stamp bore no denomination, but sold for \$1. The 1998 stamp had a face value of \$16. For

unknown reasons, no stamp was issued in 1975. The example shown bears a serial number. Serial numbers were discontinued after the 1993 license year as they were on the pheasant stamps.

Both muzzleloader and pheasant stamps from 1996 are somewhat rare. Previous years' stamps were sold by the state after the year ended at \$1 each to collectors. This turned out to be time consuming and returned little income. Policy was changed and the upshot was that the 1996 issues were available (at \$1 each) for only the first three months of 1997. Remainders were then destroyed. Collectors were caught generally unaware of this change.

Starting in 1998, examples of the previous years' stamps are available for the first three months of the year at \$5 per stamp. This policy both insures that stamps are available, at less than face, to interested collectors, and brings in

unknown reasons, no stamp was issued in 1975.

The next year, 1974, saw the appearance of both resident and non-resident Atlantic salmon stamps. These stamps were discontinued after 1984. All used the same basic design. Like some, but not all of the pheasant stamps, the Atlantic salmon stamps were issued in booklet panes of five (Figure 2).

Finally, in 1986, Maine introduced an annual set of three muzzleloader stamps, one each for hunters with resident, non-resident and alien status. All have the same basic design. An example of the 1992 resident stamp properly used on license



Figure 2
(shown at 70%)

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The purpose of the Society, a non-profit Maine corporation, is to promote philately in the Pine Tree State. Membership is open to anyone. Membership applications are available from the Secretary, listed below. Dues are \$5 per year.

A Life Membership is also available. Contact the Secretary for details.

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Maine stamp club meetings



Stamp clubs in Maine are invited to become members of the Maine Philatelic Society. We will publish, free of charge, meeting information and locations.

PORTLAND STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Maine Veterans Home, 290 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and usually ends about 8:30 p.m. Nonmembers are invited to attend.

WATERVILLE STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the first and third Friday from September to May and on the third Friday only during June, July and August. Meetings are from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Kennebec Valley Technical College (KVTC) on Western Avenue in Fairfield (Exit 35 of Interstate 95). For information, call 872-5107. Nonmembers are invited to attend.

BELFAST STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the third Thursday of the month at noon. The location changes each month. For information, call Dick Gerry, president, at 866-3583.

YORK COUNTY STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanford Masonic Hall, Elm Street, Sanford. Usual events include raffle, auction, presentations, refreshments, and an occasional visit from a stamp dealer. Dues are \$5 per year. For information, contact Secretary Tracey Levasseur, 329 Ross Corner Rd., Shapleigh, ME 04076.

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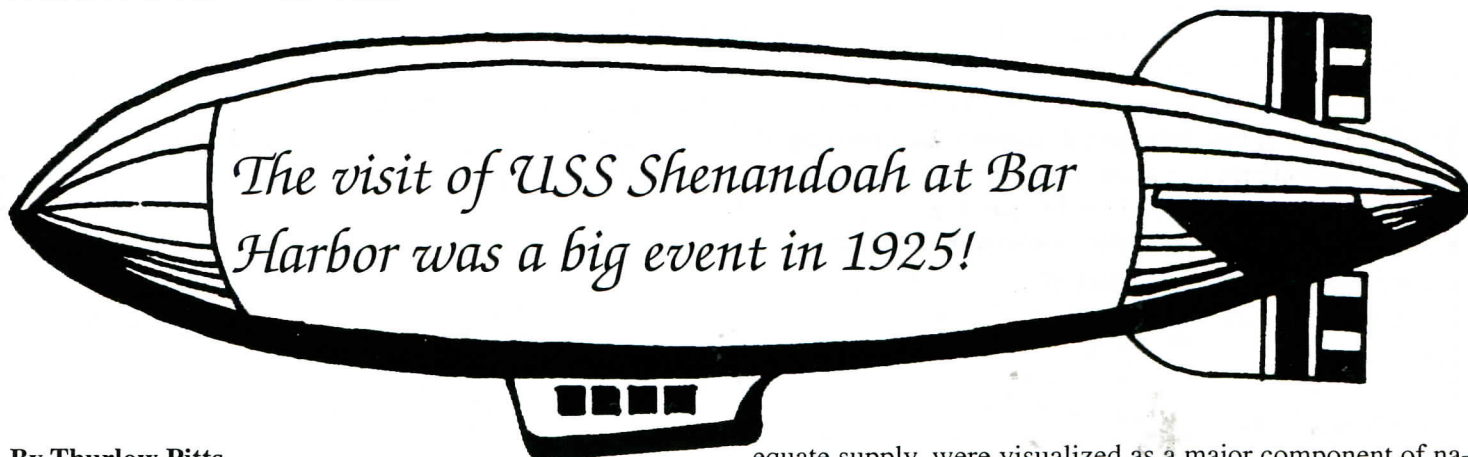
The Union River Stamp Club meets the first Thursday of each month at the Ellsworth Library, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST STAMP CLUB

The Unitarian-Universalist Stamp Club has members throughout the U.S., and you don't have to be a Universalist to join. For information, send a business size SASE to George Barner, 8 Arlington Street, Kennebunkport, ME 04046-6343. Mr. Barner also edits the club's newsletter.

AUGUSTA STAMP CLUB

The Augusta Stamp Club meets every first and third Tuesday at the Buker School from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Nonmembers are invited to attend. For information, contact Ray Gagnon, 23 Sylvain Ave., Lewiston, ME 04240.



By Thurlow Pitts
Of Stonington

"There it is, Ma!

A wide-eyed, excited small boy of five, one hand held by his mother, pointed with the other to a long, silver-gray shape, visible above trees on the northern horizon, in stately flight eastward. The time: late afternoon of July 3, 1925.

I was that little boy. With other spectators, we were part of a large group gathered on the hilltop athletic field near Stonington's central school building. The giant airship was the USS *Shenandoah*, officially ZR-1, nearing the end of its well-publicized flight to the National Governors Conference at Bar Harbor, on famed Mt. Desert Island, from Lakehurst, New Jersey.

The airship was 680 feet long, whose lovely Indian name meant

"Daughter of the Stars," was the first of a projected fleet of at least five giant airships or "zeppelins." That type was earlier developed in Germany for commercial purposes. In World War I they were employed in strategic bombing of England. With lift provided by inflammable hydrogen gas, many, with their crews, met fiery death.

In the early post World War I years, rigid airships, inflated with chemically inert helium, of which the U.S. had an ad-

equate supply, were visualized as a major component of naval superiority.

Today that Bar Harbor flight would be seen as a clever public relations effort. It was an opportunity to impress all state governors and to solicit their support for generous naval airship construction appropriations by Congress.

The *Shenandoah* left the great airship terminal at Lakehurst at 8:13 a.m. on July 3, under command of Zachary Lansdowne, Lt. Cdr., USN, an experienced airship officer. She made a fast, uneventful flight over much of southern New England and along the Maine coast. She was over Stonington, on Deer

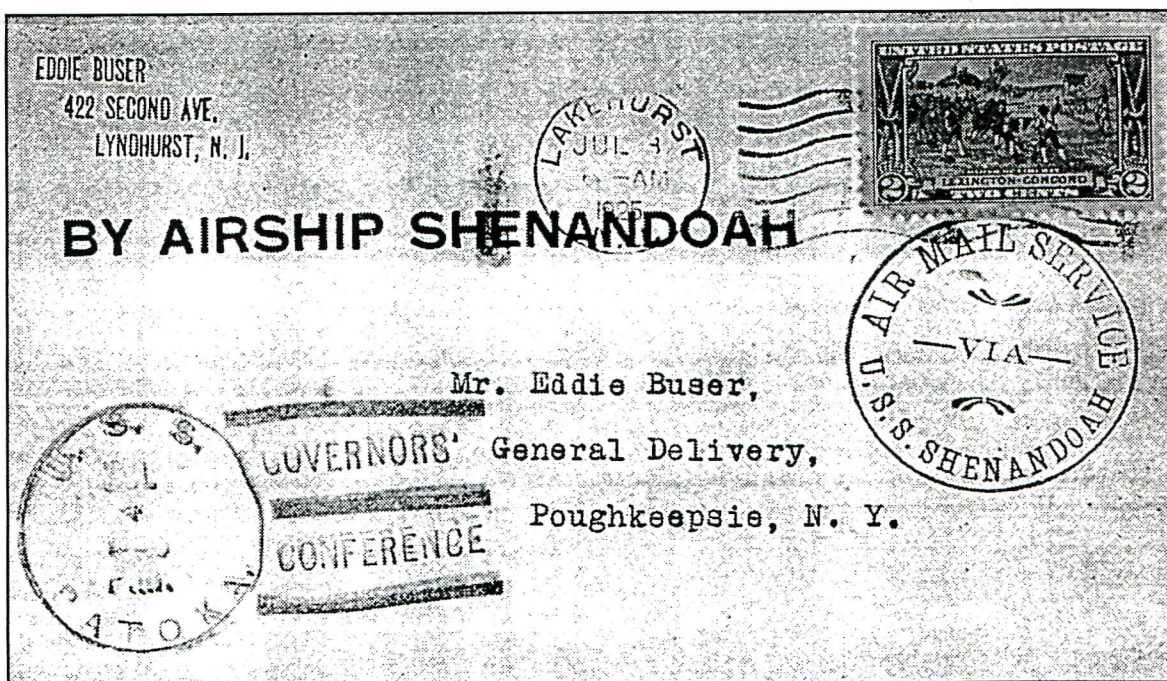
Island, a few miles west of Bar Harbor, where a converted fleet oiler, USS *Patoka*, awaited her arrival late in the day. *Patoka* had been modified and

equipped with a 141 foot mooring mast astern and other facilities for tethering and serving airships.

By 9:15 p.m., *Shenandoah* was securely moored to *Patoka*. Her nonstop flight from New Jersey was completed in 13 hours.

A horde of spectators, local and from beyond Bar Harbor, arriving on foot or by automobile over mostly dirt roads from

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up to 75 miles away, were on hand for the Fourth of July holiday and a chance to see the giant airship. They were awed and enthusiastic, feelings shared by the assembled governors.

Lansdowne treated the governors of Indiana, Virginia, and Oklahoma, plus an aid to Maine's governor and a movie photographer from Pathe' News, to a demonstration flight aboard the airship. For two hours the ship cruised over the Bar Harbor-Bangor area before returning to her mooring.

The airship's captain did find a few minutes to appear at a local cocktail party (Acquiring liquor for such an event was apparently no problem in Prohibition era Bar Harbor!).

Back aboard his command, Lansdowne ordered the airship's five big 300 horsepower, six-cylinder Packard engines fired up for the homebound flight. At about 2 p.m., *Shenandoah* undocked from *Patoka*. After a journey generally southwest through late afternoon and the short summer night, she arrived at Lakehurst (472 miles in 18 hours) at about 8 a.m. on July 5.

Sadly, that huge but graceful skyship then had less than two months to live. Early in the morning of September 3, over Ohio on a cross-country flight, her hull was fractured and suspended control car torn loose in a violent windstorm. With her went her captain and 13 crew members. There were 29 survivors. Her shattered remains were pillaged by frantic souvenir hunters.

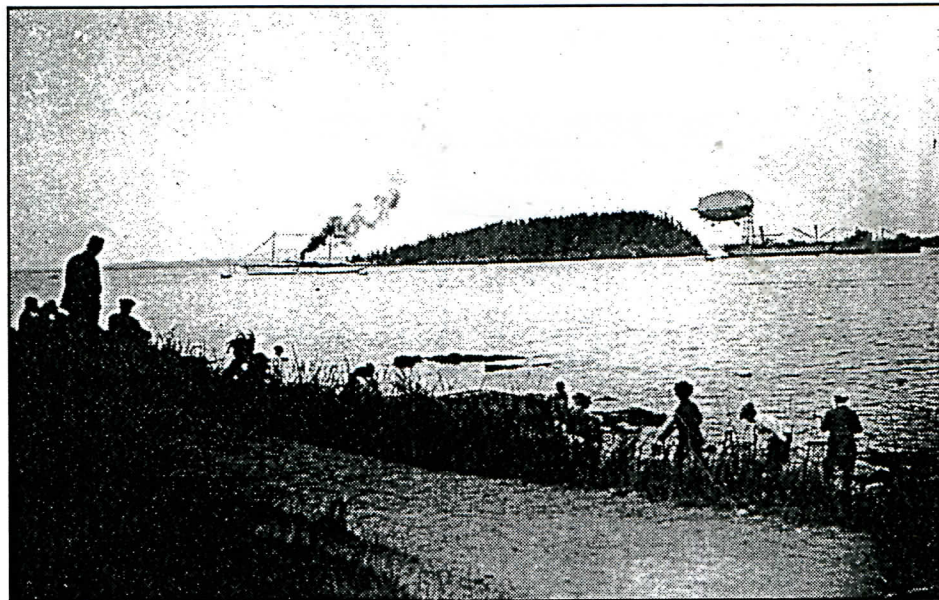
The cover illustrated here is very similar to No. Z-502,

July 3, 1924, in the *American Air Mail Catalogue*, Fifth Edition, Vol. 1. Both were prepared by the same individual! Not an official air mail dispatch, it has only first class franking of that period. Markings suggest that it was off-loaded to the *Patoka* surface Navy mail facility for additional forwarding.

The Lakehurst July 3 cancel is significant. The AAM cata-

logue indicates covers not so marked were irregular and not flown. Some mail was carried on the return flight to Lakehurst. Those covers have both *Patoka* and Bar Harbor cancels.

The photograph shows *Shenandoah* moored to *Patoka* off Bar Harbor's waterfront. Note the spectators and a large, flag-decorated steam yacht



at anchor. Such impressive and luxurious vessels were commonly a part of a Bar Harbor summer in those prosperous days before the Great Depression.

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Exit 35 on I-95, 200 yards east on Route 139

PIONEER POSTCARDS

Rockwood's Special Postal Card Circa 1876 New York City

by Bruce Nelson

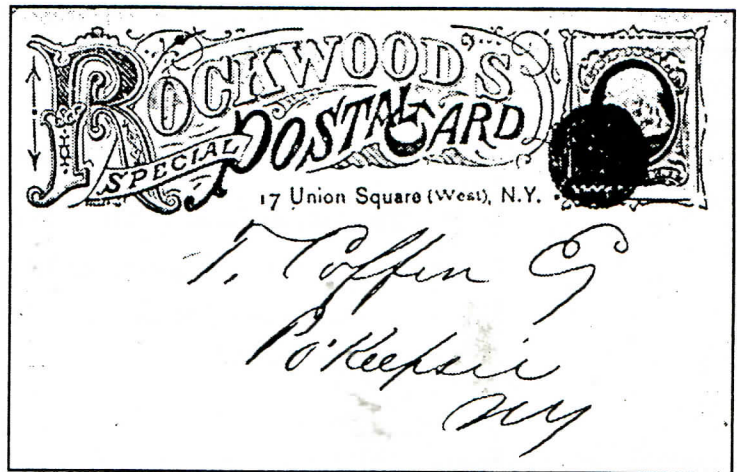


Image above shown at 74 percent.

This photographer's own "Special Postal Card" describes his recent trip to the "Great Art Centres of Europe" where he worked with various masters and learned new techniques in which to improve his photographic skills. The picture below is a series of photographic portraits (about 100 different) reduced to the size of a carte de visite and glued to one side of this card. His advertisement in the center offers Imperial Cards (Cabinet Size) for \$6.00/dozen and Cartes De Visite for \$3.00/dozen. This is a fabulous example of a photographer's own postcard with a tied on, one cent banknote stamp. The address at 17 Union Square in New York City "above Tiffany's," is certainly a prestigious location for a photographic gallery.

Write to Bruce Nelson, P.O. Box 3565, Portland, ME 04104.

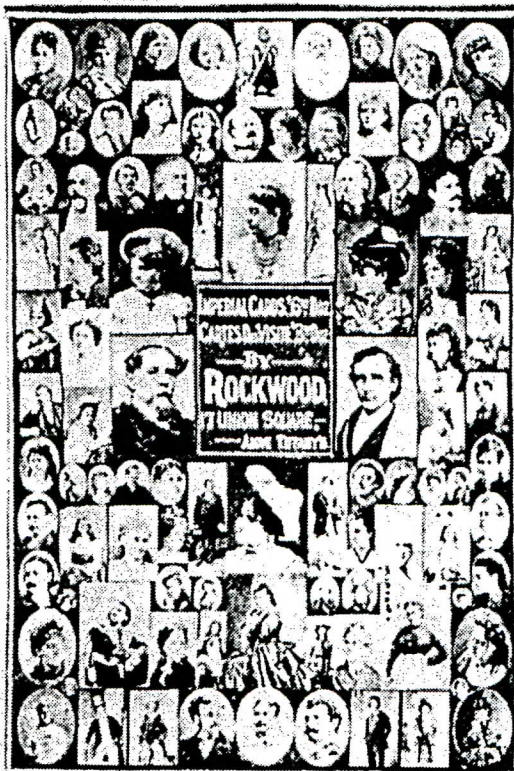


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PHOTOGRAPHIC NOVELTIES.—Mr. Rockwood, Photographer, of 17 Union Square, has returned from a visit to the GREAT ART CENTRES OF EUROPE, bringing valuable artistic novelties and Photographic Inventions.

He secured a series of careful studies and sketches of many of the best portrait and figure pictures in the LONDON and PARIS Galleries and of the GREAT FRENCH EXHIBITION. These aids are invaluable as suggestions and models in the line of Photographic Portraiture.

Visits to the Ateliers of M. Braun, of Dornach and Paris, the Auto-type Co., and to Marion (Soho) of London, afforded opportunities to secure many improvements in the new art of CARBON or PERMANENT PRINTING, of which MR. ROCKWOOD was the first Licensee in America.

For a number of years Mons. Boissonnas, of Geneva, Switzerland, has given his attention to securing great rapidity in Photography. He finally accomplished the result of almost instantaneous pictures, even in cloudy weather. Mr. Rockwood visited this gentleman, worked some days in his Studio in Geneva, and secured this valuable improvement, which he will introduce in his own Gallery in New York:

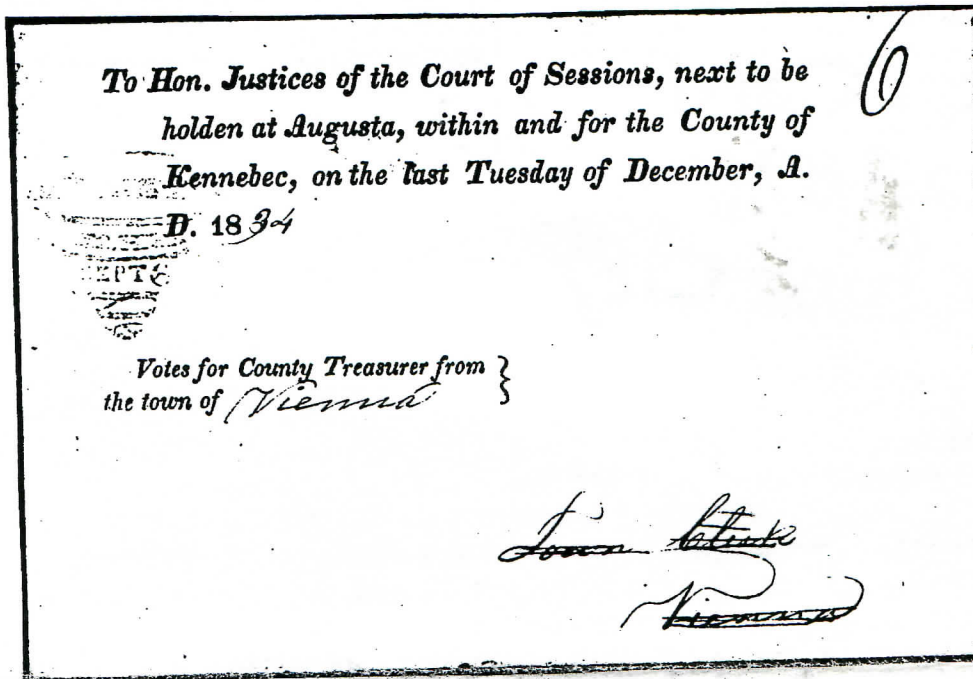
Mr. Rockwood will give his personal attention to the posing of sitters daily.

(Established 1859.)

GEO. G. ROCKWOOD, 17 Union Square (above Tiffany's), New York.

A postal history feature
by Rob Washburn
of Skowhegan

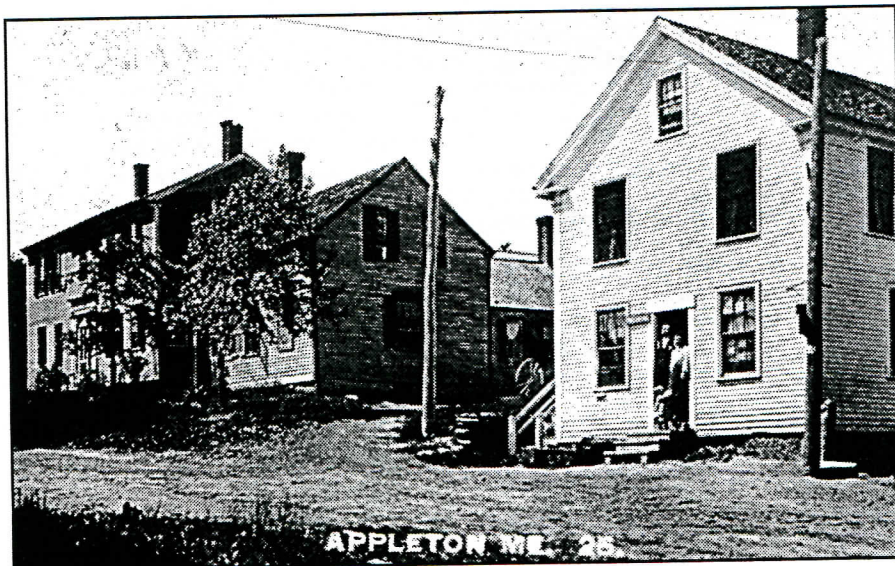
Maine Cover of the Quarter



This cover features a red Augusta, Maine "horn of plenty" cancel. The contents of the cover indicate that the cover was mailed in September 1834. It contains the voting results from the Town of Vienna for the election of County Treasurer. According to Sterling Dow's Maine Postal History and Postmarks, of the 200 such covers known to exist, only two have cancels with good strikes. If you have a candidate for Maine Cover of the Quarter, please send a photocopy of it against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, ME 04976-0840.

Post Offices of Maine

A regular feature



This photo shows the post office in Appleton. The post office, established on August 15, 1821, was located in Lincoln County until July 3, 1827 when Knox County was formed. The post office was discontinued on October 18, 1836 and reestablished on May 17, 1866. It was changed to West Appleton on January 26, 1870. The Appleton Rural Station, a part of Union, was established on January 1, 1979. Thanks to Secretary Bruce Hazelton, who loaned the photo. Do YOU have a photo of an old post office? Send it to the editor with as much information as you know about it.

Maine fish and game stamps

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stamps are available, at less than face, to interested collectors, and brings in sufficient funds to make the sales worthwhile. Sales are made by the Licensing Division, Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, State House, State House Station 41, 284 State St., Augusta, ME 04333.

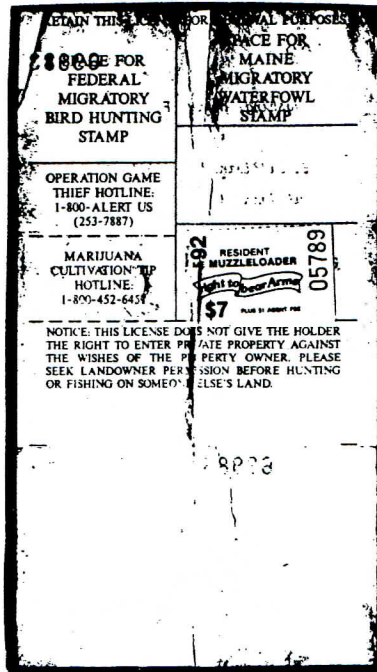


Figure 3 (at 50%)

Secretary's Report

Bruce Hazelton
Secretary

NEW MEMBERS

Roger A. MADORE, P.O. Box 2193, Augusta, ME 04335 (6-00)

ADDRESS CHANGES

Rev. Burton Hoyt, 3 Highland Ct., Apt. 6, Houlton, ME 04730.

This quarterly Secretary's Report will provide current members with names and addresses of new members and address changes of members as well as other pertinent information from the Secretary. Please remember that new membership applications, address changes and dues should be sent to the Secretary at the address listed on page 2.

THE CLASSIFIEDS

Classified advertisements are free to members. You may use this space to buy and sell, trade or swap. When sending an advertisement, please mark it for the Classifieds and indicate how many issues you wish it to appear. All ads will appear twice and be removed unless otherwise indicated.

WANTED

Wanted: modern (since 1970) U.S. covers. I am especially looking for junk mail transportation coil PNC covers, Express mail, postage dues, insured mail, Certified mail, auxiliary markings. Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, ME 04976-0840. (4-00)

Wanted: Maine hunting and fishing stamps on license. Will pay a minimum of \$10 each for every license I need. Also want Maine (and other New England states) Old Home Week seals. Terence Hines, P.O. Box 629, Chappaqua, NY 10514-0629. (4-00)

Information needed to further research on Maine NARROW GAUGE RPOs. Need RPO, month, day, year, train no. ME 4 BAR COLORED cancels, need P.O. name, month, day, year, time, color. Will respond to all information received. Bruce L. Corey, 108 Marilyn Ave., Westbrook, ME 04092-4624. (4-00)

Wanted to buy: Maine fancy cancels on cover or postal cards, stampless to 1920 only. Let me know what you have. Gil Roderick, 52 Fern St., Bangor, ME 04401. (4-00)

Collector is looking for covers from Houlton Air Force Base Station. If you have same, please contact me. Telephone: 538-9788 (home) or 532-2291 (work). My e-mail is max@ainop.com Max Leigh Lynds, P.O. Box 761, Houlton, ME 04730-0761. (4-00)

Wanted: perfins used in Maine, on cover or off (with good town cancels). Special interest in AJS (Auburn) and RB (Bangor) -- users not yet identified. Will buy or trade. Vince McDermott, 53 Willow Grove Rd., Brunswick, ME 04011-2969. (4-00)

Wanted: affordable U.S. classics. I am looking for U.S. Scott #140 in any affordable condition including space filler grade. Can you help? Bob Gross, RR4, Box 7295, Gardiner, ME 04345 (4-00).

We urgently need quantities of used Japanese stamps from the period of 1876 (Old Koban Series) through 1955. Dealer stocks, accumulations, bundle material from this period needed for our specialist customers. Will buy anything and everything (used only) at fair prices or will select only what we must urgently need at near to full Scott retail. Prompt payment always. Forty-five years in the trade! John B. Head, P.O. Box 7, Bethel, ME 04217. (4-00)

Wanted: Maine Express Covers (and others): with labels, hand-stamps, manuscript markings or cornercards. Express Company labels and stamps (such as for newspapers, parcels or free franking) off cover also sought. William W. Sammis (Bill), 436 Thomas Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-9653. (4-00)

FOR SALE

Precancel approvals: town and types 15¢, classics, 1922-26 general, bicents, prexies, perfins available. Buro approvals starting at 5¢. Good mixed precancel lots. 2,000-\$25.00; 10,000-\$110.00. Mixed buros, 2,000-\$25.00, 10,000-\$110.00. Dick Laetsch, 108 Ashswamp Road, Scarborough, ME 04074. e-mail: precancel@aol.com (4-00)

For sale: DPO, Macy, ME - Doane 1906 on PPC, Rarity 8. First \$75.00 takes it. Carl A. Burnham, RR1, Box 559, Limington, ME 04046. Telephone 637-2871. (4-00)

For sale: U.S. Souvenir Pages: 10 notebooks embossed "American Commemorative Collections" with 369 souvenir pages, from 12 January 1983 to 24 April 1992. My cost was \$725.38. Please make me an offer. Richard Carr, 283 Pool St., Biddeford, ME 04005. (4-00)

President's Message

By Everett L. Parker

It's a sad sight to see people lose interest in stamp collecting. But it's a fact of life that we all get older, our interests change. Sometimes we just get tired of doing the same old thing and want new and exciting ventures. Over the past year or so, we've lost several of our valuable and longtime board members because their interests have changed.

We've also elected not to continue with the spring MPS stamp show, and the Waterville Stamp Club has picked it up (see announcement of the April show inside). We have attempted to create several shows during the year to fill that void, but for a variety of reasons -- not the least of which is a general lack of interest -- we've only been successful in launching one show, and that will be held in Houlton in the fall. New Board member Max Lyons is doing an outstanding job of putting that show together practically single-handedly.

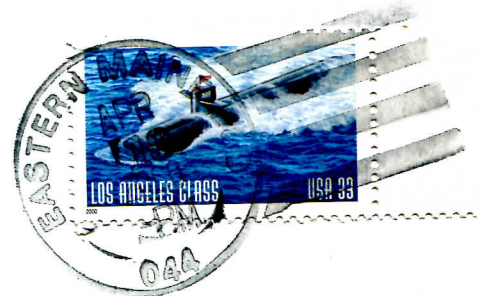
I'm convinced there are people out there who are willing to help. I want you to write me a letter, or send an e-mail if you're willing to help your organization in some way. Would you be willing to work with other key members to set up a small show in your neck of the woods? Let me know. I'd also like YOUR input on what we can do to make the Maine Philatelic Society better. Or are you satisfied for your five bucks a year just to get a newsletter? The future's in your hands.

Are YOU on the Internet?

In order to offer more rapid communications, we will publish e-mail addresses of Maine Philatelic Society members and officers ONLY if they wish to be listed. Please e-mail your address to the president to be included here.

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